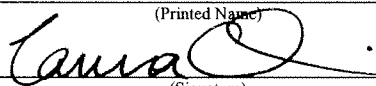


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This Communication is responsive to the Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due May 6, 2008. Enclosed with this Reply is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the fee, thereby extending the deadline to August 6, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this Reply.

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